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# WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2005

Extremely dry conditions prevailed in the Commonwealth. The average precipitation for the week was .15 inches and the average temperature was 65.9 degrees. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Many farmers are concerned with the lack of moisture. The dry conditions hindered small grain seeding. Cattle herds across the state are feeding off hay that has been stored for the winter. Late season double-cropped stands of soybeans showed declining conditions. The soybeans have poor pod fill and withered seeds. The week was good for harvesting corn and soybeans. Sweet potato, pumpkin, squash and peppers also continue to be harvested. Other farming activities for the week included preparing Disaster Assessment Reports, curing tobacco, sampling soil, spreading lime, selling calves, and fencing in hayfields for grazing.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
August 28, 2005	7	29	62	2
September 4, 2005	8	39	52	1
September 11, 2005	18	49	33	0
September 18, 2005	28	49	23	0
September 25, 2005	38	42	19	1
October 2, 2005	47	38	14	1

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	29	33	27	11	0
Livestock	1	9	33	48	9
Hay, (other)	25	37	27	10	1
Hay, (alfalfa)	6	31	44	17	2
Corn	3	11	28	41	17
Soybeans	7	27	31	31	4
Peanuts	1	6	29	64	0
Cotton	0	10	30	55	5
Apples, (all)	9	9	41	39	2
Grapes	0	1	8	80	11

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Corn Mature	96	87	94	82
Corn Grain Harvested	45	34	52	50
Corn Silage Harvested	97	92	91	88
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	68	49	54	42
Soybeans Harvested	8	2	4	3
Winter Wheat Seeded	10	4	12	9
Barley Seeded	31	22	25	20
Flue-Cured Tobacco Harvested	82	75	99	87
Burley Tobacco Harvested	96	88	94	95
Dark Fire-Cured Tobacco Harvested	98	94	100	98
Peanuts Dug	22	9	39	34
Peanuts Combined	11	3	17	17
Cotton Opening Bolls	95	93	89	70
Cotton Harvested	10	5	12	8
Fall Apples Harvested	75	73	75	68
Winter Apples Harvested	15	7	26	34

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
<b>NORTHERN</b>							
Woodstock	82	38	63	1	0.06	-0.71	1
The Plains	79	41	63	1	0.17	-0.60	2
Winchester 7 SE	79	35	61	-1	0.10	-0.60	1
Dale Enterprise	83	36	61	1	0.05	-0.67	2
<b>WESTERN</b>							
Glasgow	84	41	64	3	0.15	-0.62	2
Roanoke AP	82	43	66	4	0.04	-0.80	1
Waynesboro	80	39	62	4	0.08	-0.76	2
Staunton AG	81	39	63	4	0.05	-0.79	2
<b>CENTRAL</b>							
Somerset	80	42	64	2	0.13	-0.72	2
Piedmont Res ST	79	45	65	3	0.07	-0.78	1
Bremo Bluff	86	46	69	7	0.05	-0.79	1
Richmond AP	88	51	70	5	0.03	-0.74	1
<b>EASTERN</b>							
Eastville	86	54	69	3	0.00	-0.68	0
Wallops Island	82	47	68	-1	0.14	-0.49	1
Williamsburg	86	53	70	5	0.16	-0.71	1
Keysville	88	49	68	6	0.15	-0.75	1
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>							
Blacksburg AG	79	37	61	4	0.29	-0.55	2
Wytheville	81	36	62	4	0.21	-0.56	2
Saltville	89	42	66	6	0.83	0.06	2
Richlands	88	38	64	10	0.57	-0.18	3
<b>SOUTHERN</b>							
Stuart	83	44	66	4	0.21	-0.79	2
Danville AG	84	52	70	5	0.04	-0.80	2
Chatham	81	43	64	3	0.08	-0.83	2
Martinsville	82	46	65	4	0.16	-0.75	2
<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>							
Norfolk VA	87	57	71	4	0.14	-0.67	1
Oceana	87	54	70	2	0.20	-0.67	2
Emporia	85	55	70	8	0.03	-0.79	1
Newport News	87	51	70	3	0.09	-0.72	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.  
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.